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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, PO
SUBJ: AZORES BASE TALKS: CONVERSATION WITH SA CARNEIRO

REF: LISBON 8579

1. TOGETHER WITH DCM, I HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION NOV. 5 ON LAJES BASE RENEWAL WITH PSD'S SA CARNEIRO (REFTEL).

2. AID PACKAGE: SA CARNEIRO EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT THE VANCE-MEDEIROS FERREIRA COMMUNIQUE OF SEPT. 27 MEANT THE AZORES WOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY BENEFITS FROM A RENEWAL OF OUR BASE AGREEMENT. I SAID THAT WAS NOT OUR INTENTION; THAT ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WAS ENVISAGED FOR THE AZORES; THAT WE WERE THINKING OF GRANT AID PLUS POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE VIA PL-480 AND EX-IM.

3. MILITARY: I NOTED THAT WE WERE CONTEMPLATING GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE, BUT THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY SEEMED CONCERNED ABOUT AZOREAN CRITICISM OF DEMANDS FOR EQUIPMENT. SA CARNEIRO INDICATED THAT EQUIPMENT WAS NOT A PROBLEM FOR HIM.
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4. IMPACT ON AZORES: SA CARNEIRO CAUTIONED THAT TOO MUCH INVESTMENT IN THE AZORES COULD BE INFLATIONARY. THIS HAD TO BE GUARDED AGAINST. I AGREED, NOTING THAT WE WERE ALSO AWARE OF THE LIMITED ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY IN THE ISLANDS AND THEIR LACK OF TRAINED TECHNICAL PEOPLE. HE SAID THIS WAS A SERIOUS DRAWBACK AND HOPED THE AZOREANS

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WOULD BE ALLOWED TO UTILIZE TECHNICIANS FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE U.S. (E.G. BELGIUM AND FRANCE) IN IMPLEMENTING AID PROJECTS.

5. UPDATE: I RECOUNTED IN GENERAL TERMS MY CONVERSATION WITH AZOREAN LEADERS MOTA AMARAL AND MONJARDINO (LISBON 8341). IT HAD SEEMED TO ME THEY WERE IN ACCORD WITH OUR APPROACH, AND I HAD INFORMED THEM OF OUR DESIRE TO CONCLUDE THE EXTENSION PROMPTLY. SA CARNEIRO DID NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH MY REMARKS.

6. COMMENT: NO FIGURES WERE DISCUSSED DURING THIS CONVERSATION. SA CARNEIRO LISTENED CAREFULLY AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING COMFORTABLE WITH OUR QUID PACKAGE. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, CONSISTENCY IS NOT HIS STRONG SUIT. IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CONSIDER HIM ON BOARD. CARLUCCI

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